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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed February 11, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 27, 2004.

Claims 1-45 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1-4, 21, 22 and 38 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 5 of the Official Action continues to reject claims 1-8 and 13-16 as obvious based on the combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,902,688 to Antoniadis et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,049,167 to Onitsuka et al. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because the Official Action has not made a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

As stated in MPEP §§ 2142-2143.01, to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or